

IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A floorboard ~~(1)~~ for making a resilient floor by joining to at least one neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~, so that joined upper neighbouring parts ~~(7, 7')~~ of the edge portions of the floorboards ~~(1, 1')~~ together define a joint plane ~~(F)~~, perpendicular to the main plane ~~(P)~~ of the joined floorboards, characterised by the floorboard comprising:

a resilient base, ~~(10) which is~~ arranged on the underside of the floorboard ~~(1, 1')~~ and ~~which extends~~ extending beyond said joint plane ~~(F)~~,

a supporting layer, ~~(11) which is~~ arranged between ~~the~~ an underside of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ and the resilient base ~~(10)~~, and

a locking system, ~~which is~~ arranged along at least two parallel edges ~~(25a, 25b; 26a, 26b)~~ of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ and integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically ~~(D1)~~ and horizontally ~~(D2)~~, of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the resilient base is arranged so that, with the floorboards in a joined state, it extends at least partly under the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the resilient base ~~(10)~~ is made of an elastic material.

4. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~wherein said elastic material comprises at least one of expanded rubber ~~or~~and cellular plastic.

5. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the supporting layer ~~(11)~~ has a horizontal ~~(D2)~~ extent which is at least as great as a horizontal ~~(D2)~~ extent of the resilient base ~~(10)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the horizontal ~~(D2)~~ extent of the supporting layer is smaller than a horizontal ~~(D2)~~ extent of the floorboard ~~(1)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the horizontal ~~(D2)~~ extent of the supporting layer is less than half the horizontal ~~(D2)~~ extent of the floorboard.

8. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the supporting layer ~~(11)~~ has a greater modulus of elasticity than the resilient base ~~(10)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the supporting layer ~~(11)~~ ~~consists of~~includes at least one of MDF, HDF, plywood, particle board, wood material, plastic material ~~or~~and metal.

10. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the resilient base ~~(10)~~ extends beyond an outer part ~~(12)~~ of the locking system of the floorboard ~~(1)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the long sides ~~(25a, 25b)~~ of the floorboard and the short sides ~~(26a, 26b)~~ of the floorboard are provided with respectively first and second mechanical locking systems

integrated with the floorboard ~~(1)~~, for mechanical joining, vertically ~~(D1)~~ and horizontally ~~(D2)~~, of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ to neighbouring, substantially identical floorboards ~~(1')~~, so that joined upper neighbouring parts ~~(7, 7')~~ of the edge portions of the long sides ~~(25a, 25b)~~ and short sides ~~(26a, 26b)~~, respectively, together define first and second joint planes ~~(F1, F2)~~ which are perpendicular to the main plane ~~(P)~~ of the joined floorboards, the resilient base at the edge portion ~~(26a)~~ of a short side and the edge portion ~~(25a)~~ of a long side extending beyond the respective joint planes ~~(F1, F2)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A floorboard as claimed in claim ~~10~~11, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the resilient base ~~(10)~~ at the edge portion ~~(26a)~~ of the short side extends further beyond the first joint plane ~~(F1)~~ than beyond the second joint plane ~~(F2)~~ at the edge portion on the long side ~~(25a)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A flooring for resilient floors, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~comprising a plurality of floorboards ~~(1, 1')~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1.

14. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts for making a resilient floor, ~~characterised by~~comprising:

a floorboard ~~(1)~~ for joining to a neighbouring,

substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~, so that joined upper neighbouring parts ~~(7, 7')~~ of the edge portions of the floorboards ~~(1, 1')~~ together define a joint plane ~~(F)~~, which is perpendicular to the main plane (P) of the joined floorboards,

a resilient base ~~(10)~~, which in terms of shape and size is adapted to be arranged on the underside of the floorboard ~~(1)~~, so that the resilient base ~~(10)~~ extends beyond said joint plane ~~(F)~~, and

a supporting layer ~~(11)~~, which in terms of size and shape is adapted to be arranged between said floorboard ~~(1)~~ and said resilient base ~~(10)~~, the floorboard ~~(1)~~ along at least two parallel edges, being provided with a locking system integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically ~~(D1)~~ and horizontally ~~(D2)~~, of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~.

15. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the resilient base ~~(10)~~ is provided with at least one fastening means to be device, arranged on the underside of the floorboard ~~(1)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts as claimed in claim ~~16~~ 14, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the underside of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ is provided with fastening means for arranging the resilient base ~~(10)~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts as claimed in ~~any one of claims 14-16, characterised in that~~claim 14, wherein the supporting layer ~~(11)~~ is provided with at least one fastening ~~means to be device,~~ arranged between said floorboard ~~(1)~~ and said resilient base ~~(10)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) A kit of parts as claimed in ~~any one of claims 14-17, characterised in that~~claim 14, wherein said resilient base ~~(10)~~ has a first horizontal extent which is substantially equal to a length of a first edge ~~(25a, 25b)~~ of the floorboard, and a second horizontal extent which is less than half a length of a second edge ~~(26a, 26b)~~ of the floorboard ~~(1)~~.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for making a resilient floor by joining a floorboard ~~(1)~~ to a neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~, so that joined upper neighbouring parts ~~(7, 7')~~ of the edge portions on the floorboards ~~(1, 1')~~ together define a joint plane ~~(F)~~, which is perpendicular to the main plane ~~(P)~~ of the joined floorboards, ~~characterised by the method comprising:~~

joining the floorboards ~~(1, 1')~~ so that a resilient base ~~(10)~~ and a supporting layer ~~(11)~~, ~~which are~~ arranged on the underside of the floorboard ~~(1)~~, extend beyond said joint plane ~~(F)~~,

said joining ~~comprising~~ including mechanical joining, vertically ~~(D1)~~ and horizontally ~~(D2)~~, of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a floorboard ~~(1)~~ for making a resilient floor, ~~characterised by~~ comprising:

providing a floorboard, ~~which is~~ designed for joining to a neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~, so that joined upper neighbouring parts ~~(7, 7')~~ of the edge portions of the floorboards ~~(1, 1')~~ together define a joint plane ~~(F)~~, which is perpendicular to the main plane ~~(P)~~ of the joined floorboards,

arranging to the underside of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ a resilient base ~~(10)~~, which extends beyond said joint plane ~~(F)~~,

arranging a supporting layer ~~(11)~~ between said floorboard ~~(1)~~ and said resilient base ~~(10)~~, and

arranging along at least two parallel edges of the floorboard a locking system integrated with the floorboard, for mechanical joining, vertically ~~(D1)~~ and horizontally ~~(D2)~~, of the floorboard ~~(1)~~ to the neighbouring, substantially identical floorboard ~~(1')~~.